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Sir Robert Falconer
President
University of
Toronto

Honoured Sir,

I have heard to day that it is the intention to appoint as O.C. of the 67th Battery the Lecturer, not a Prof. Lecturers of the University. I trust my information is not correct but in case it is correct I wish to enter my protest against the Lecturer appointment. I have spent two Summers here with the 67th Battery and I feel that I have the right to express my views in the interest of the Battery. Entirely apart from the Lecturer personal qualifications I know that he will not be acceptable here either to men or to Officers whether of the battery or the brigade or he is not for overseas

Sir.

I am not writing this letter in the interests of the Corps who is at present administering the Battery. He has had remarkable success here and stands to the Corps the Battery is known as one of the best in camp. I would like to see him appointed and I know the men would. But as I say I am not writing except as to protest against the appointment of an officer who is not a returned soldier

I sincerely hope that my information is incorrect but I feel so strongly about the matter that I consider it my duty to write you and advise you how the Corps appointment would be received here. I should also consider it my duty to forego up my position by offering my resignation in the event of his appointment. Yours respectfully

Lieut. Battery CFA CEF

September 12th, 1917

Lieutenant R. W. Hart,

57th Battery,

Petawawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hart:

I do not know how the rumour got abroad that Mr. Carruthers was to be appointed to the command of No. 57 Battery. His name was mentioned last year, but it has never come up since and I have no intention of sending it in as a recommendation in the present vacancy. I hope that when the military authorities definitely make the appointment it will be found to be satisfactory to the officers of the Battery.

Hoping that the Battery will still continue to have every success,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.